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Addendum

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DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIAL STATISTICS

(Agenda item 11)

1. The Commission considered item 11 of the agenda at its 478th meeting, on 28 February 1995. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on demographic, social and migration statistics (E/CN.3/1995/17).

2. Under this item, the Commission considered the progress in implementation of the International Programme for Accelerating the Improvement of Vital Statistics and Civil Registration Systems, and the establishment of the Demographic and Social Statistics Database (DSSD) and the human settlement statistics database. The treatment of refugee statistics in the system of international migration statistics was discussed. The need for revision of the present human settlements questionnaire was stressed. The view was also expressed that information on the national, legal and administrative frameworks for civil registration should be compiled.

3. The Commission commended the work of the Statistical Division and expressed its appreciation to the co-sponsors of the International Programme, particularly the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), for its financial support. Several countries offered to provide assistance to the International Programme.

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Action taken by the Commission

4. The Commission:

(a) Endorsed the continued implementation of the International Programme for Accelerating the Improvement of Vital Statistics and Civil Registration Systems, particularly training workshops on civil registration and vital statistics, and efforts aimed at the economies in transition;

(b) Encouraged the further development of demographic, social and human settlement statistics databases and their speedier availability on the Internet and on CD-ROM;

(c) Supported current work on the revision of United Nations recommendations on international migration statistics, particularly the review of definitions and treatment of asylum-seekers and refugees;

(d) Endorsed the joint Statistical Division of the United Nations Secretariat/Habitat work leading to the publication of the Compendium of Human Settlement Statistics in time for the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) in June 1996.